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California Department of Water Resources
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Financial Assistance Branch
P.O. Box 942836
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Attn: Keith Wallace

Re: San Mateo County's Proposition 84 Application for the Pescadero Water
Supply and Sustainability Project

Dear Mr. Wallace,

I write in enthusiastic support of the San Mateo County's application for Prop 84 funds, which will be used to construct a new well, a 140,000 gallon water tank and initiate a water conservation program for Pescadero (officially County Service Area 11). The new well will be 100 feet deeper than the existing well, securing at least 28 years of additional use by the current water aquifer. The water conservation program will also extend the life of the aquifer, and encourage the use of high-efficiency toilets and high-efficiency washers.

Pescadero qualifies as a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) under guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture and used by the Department of Water Resources. CSA 11 has a median household income of \$45,500, well under the DAC's Median Household Income requirement of \$48,706, within a water district boundary.

I encourage DWR to waive the local fund match usually required to obtain Prop 84 funds. The community of Pescadero continues to struggle financially, and placing the cost of this project on the ratepayers would be burdensome.

I strongly support grant funding for this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Jerry Hill
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